Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know the general nature of the complaints ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The nature of the complaints is very simple—that their sons and daughters have not got admission in the Maharaja's College.

132. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Are the Government aware that there were complaints about admission to the Junior Intermediate class in the Maharaja's College this year ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

133. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Are the Government aware that some Cochin students who did not get admission in the Maharaja's College nor any intimation about same in due time from the College authorities, when applied to Colleges outside the State, were denied admission on the ground of their being native State subjects ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to take it from me that there were some cases where admissions were refused on the ground of their being Cochinites ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I shall explain what happened. Sir, this question happened to be answered before any instance was brought to my notice. Even then it is technically correct. The question is, Sir, 'Are the Government aware that some Cochin students who did not get admission in the Maharaja's College were denied admission on the ground of their being native State subjects.' The instance which came to my notice was of a person who did not apply here but went directly and asked for admission in one of the Colleges in Madras and on the ground of nativity it appears admission was refused. The Government have taken up the matter and I suppose a decision satisfactory to all parties will be arrived at.

IMPORTATION OF BURMA RUBBER INTO COCHIN.

134. Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) are the Government aware that the free importation of Burma rubber into India is adversely affecting the internal sale of rubber produced in the Cochin State ;

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(*b*) have the Government taken any steps or made any representations for the prevention of the importation of Burma rubber into India ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) This matter has been brought to the notice of the Government by Mr. Norman, the State's representative in the Rubber Licensing Committee.

(*b*) It is understood that the Rubber Licensing Committee is pressing the matter before the Government of India and no action by this Government seems to be called for at present.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether free importation of rubber from Burma is affecting the internal price of rubber not covered by quota ? That question has not been answered.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): I think the answer is given there, that the matter has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Sir, May I read the question. My question is, 'Are the Government aware that the free importation of Burma rubber into India is adversely affecting the internal sale of rubber produced in the Cochin State'. The reply is Sir, 'the matter has been brought to the notice of the Government by Mr. Norman'.

Mr. President: The answer given by the hon'ble member is so obvious.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I know, further, Sir, as to whether Burma is not now separated from India politically and economically?

Mr. President: Politically yes. Economically doubtful.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I know, Sir, whether representation from the Government will not have more effect than representation from the Rubber Licensing Committee?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): If at any time the Government find that they can do anything useful they will do. At present they don't think it necessary to do so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to give preference to the Cocoanut Problem over this Rubber Problem? (*Laughter.*)

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